and secondary schools for local bodies. They are paying dearness allowance at the old rates. The question of allowing them to grant dearness allowance to their employees at the enhanced rates sanctioned for Government servants is under the consideration of Government.

"(b) The financial position of almost all the local bodies is unsatisfactory at present on account of the introduction of the revised scales of pay and the grant of dearness allowance.

"(c) & (d) To enable the local bodies to introduce the revised scale of pay for teachers in elementary schools, the Government have sanctioned the enhancement of the rate of education tax and have given advances wherever necessary. The Government are also giving subsidies wherever necessary towards the payment of dearness allowance.

Secondary schools.—To meet the extra cost involved in the introduction of the revised scale of pay for the staff in the secondary schools, the Government have sanctioned the payment of teaching grants on the basis of half the net cost of maintenance of these secondary schools in lieu of the fixed lump-sum subsidies paid hitherto. They have also sanctioned a grant on the same basis of half the net cost towards the expenditure incurred on payment of dearness allowance also. This has afforded the necessary financial relief with the result that the revised scales of pay have been adopted by all local bodies. The question of allowing the revised rates of dearness allowance is under consideration."

Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answers to question No. 207 answered on the 18th December 1947, will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the rules relating to the appointment of the Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library have been amended and when it is proposed to give effect to the revised rules?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

"Yes. The amendment of the rules came into force from 4th February 1948.

"The former incumbent of the post who had only a working knowledge of Sanskrit has already been transferred and another officer who possesses an M.A. degree in Sanskrit by the second class appointed as Curator"

Schemes regarding smoked fish and cured fish.

* 92 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI (on behalf of Sri K. Manathunainatha Desigar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the reasons are for the failure of the schemes regarding smoked fish and cured fish ; and

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(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take to popularize the same and increase the supply of smoked and cured fish as food resources at this critical time?

THE HON. SRI V. KURMAYYA :—" (*a*) The manufacture of smoked and cured fish was undertaken by the Department first to meet the requirements of the Army. On the termination of the war, the demand for the products from the Army began to fall off and finally the supply was discontinued. As the production of smoked and cured fish of high quality has been established as a new industry with a number of well-equipped production centres on the east and west coasts, it was considered desirable to continue it to popularise the products among the civil population. But the fish eating population did not take to these products, especially smoked fish, the peculiar flavour of which was not relished by them. Advertisement and vigorous propaganda carried on within and outside the Province had no effect in pushing the sales up. Finally, the production was completely stopped.

" (*b*) In view of the fact that the fish eating population does not relish the smoked and cured fish, it is very difficult to popularize them rapidly."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTION OF INDIA—*cont.*

MR. PRESIDENT :—" A number of amendments have been received. Are these amendments to be moved and seconded formally ? I would like to know what was done in the other House."

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" They must formally be moved and seconded."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" On a point of information, Sir, I was given to understand that the Government gave option to the members to vote as they like."

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" There was no voting in the Assembly."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" We shall decide later on the question whether there should be voting on amendments."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that there was no voting."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Then, the whole thing will be forwarded to the Constituent Assembly."